United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh Security Message for U.S. Citizens Security Threat in Bangladesh

(December 29, 2015)

The U.S. Embassy in Dhaka warns U.S. citizens of possible attacks against hotels and clubs in Dhaka in late December 2015, potentially in connection with New Year's Eve celebrations. Additionally, Dhaka Metropolitan Police have announced increased security measures on December 31, including a prohibition on outdoor parties after 8 p.m. and increased checkpoints in Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara and the University of Dhaka.

U.S citizens are reminded that there is an active Travel Alert for Bangladesh issued on November 10, 2015, and a Worldwide Travel Alert issued on November 23, 2015. The Embassy reminds those U.S. citizens considering travel to maintain vigilant situational awareness and to avoid large crowds and crowded places.

For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the <u>U.S. Embassy in Dhaka</u>, Bangladesh, located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212, at (88) (02) 5566-2000, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Weekends and After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (88) (02) 5566-2000 and press "0" and ask for the duty officer.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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